Summary of Changes to Plan of Care/Cost Comparison Budget Process

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Streamline Plan of Care Process

Changes include:

- Eliminating draft and replacing it with an initial budget
- Requiring use of state provider database
- Implementing revised auto-approval process for updates and annuals
- Note Independent case managers POC/CCBs for Medical Model Waivers will no longer be routed through the AAA's before being sent to BAIHS

Eliminating Draft

- Initial budget will replace draft and include expected time frames
- Waiver staff will conditionally approve initial budget (e.g. Medicaid eligibility)
- Confirmation process for all initials will be required to confirm start date even if there are no conditions

Provider Database

- Case Managers no longer will be required to maintain own database
- DDARS is in the process of updating statewide database
- DDARS will be responsible for managing database
- Database will be exported to the field daily

Revised Auto-approval for POC/CCB's

- Note initial POC/CCB will still require reviews
- DDARS will develop an autoapproval process for all waivers that includes a cost-threshold for each waiver
- The process will have specific parameters (all plans under a specific threshold, etc.)

Case Management Services

- Case Management Services will need to be listed on the POC/CCB
- Hours over 120 annually will need to be approved by BDDS
- Case Managers claims will not be paid unless an approved POC/CCB is on file

Testing the Changes

- Roeing has a focus group of AAA and independent case managers testing the changes (starting next week)
- Final changes to these new processes will be made by October 1
- Training of case managers will occur between October 1 and October 15th
- Training will be regional, and will allow for train the trainer (more info to follow)

Changes to Mandatory Training Schedule

- Training originally scheduled for October is cancelled
- "Medical Issues" will be the training topic for September
- BQIS will complete regional training on "Provider Standards" during early November
- The November statewide training will remain on the schedule

Role of Case Manager in Process

- Completion of POC/CCBs, including updates, in a timely manner
- Assuring that POC/CCBs reflect the needs of the individual over monthly periods